

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Art Noonan, on February 2, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Art Noonan, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)  
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

**Staff Present:** Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary  
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 225, HB 375, HJ 13

Executive Action: SB 39

00:02:47 Chairman Noonan introduced global warming as the theme of the day's hearings.

**HEARING ON HB 375**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:05:45 Rep. Mike Phillips (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 375, Endorse western climate initiative.

00:12:08 Rep. Stahl arrived.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:33 Chuck Magraw, Natural Resources Defense Council

00:14:21 Steven Running, Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change

00:15:10 Paul Cartwright, Office of the Governor

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:16:51 John Alke, Montana-Dakota Utilities

**EXHIBIT (feh24a01)**

00:25:03 Todd O'Hair, Reo Tinto Energy America (RTEA)

00:29:01 Candace Payne, Southern Montana Electric Cooperative

**Informational Testimony:** none.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:53 Rep. Wiseman

00:31:29 Dr. Running

00:33:07 Rep. Wiseman

00:33:35 Dr. Running

00:33:41 Chairman Noonan

00:33:47 Rep. Stahl

00:34:13 Dr. Running

00:35:45 Rep. Stahl

00:35:54 Dr. Running

00:36:00 Rep. Stahl

00:36:11 Dr. Running

00:36:18 Rep. Stahl

00:36:39 Dr. Running

00:37:17 Rep. Stahl

00:37:39 Dr. Running  
00:38:38 Rep. Stahl  
00:38:47 Chairman Noonan  
00:39:01 Rep. Klock  
00:39:16 Dr. Running  
00:39:42 Rep. Regier  
00:39:58 Rep. Phillips

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:40:32 Rep. Phillips

**HEARING ON HB 255**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:30 Rep. Mike Phillips (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB  
255, Increase Montana renewable energy portfolio  
standard.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:48:55 Mr. Magraw  
00:52:36 Dr. Running  
00:54:09 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center  
(MEIC)  
00:57:13 Casey Perkins, Montana Audubon

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:58:19 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy  
**EXHIBIT (feh24a02)**  
01:09:17 Mr. O'Hair  
01:13:56 Haley Beaudry, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company

**Informational Testimony:**

01:16:48 Mr. Alke

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:19:36 Rep. Regier  
01:20:01 Mr. Magraw  
01:20:19 Rep. Reichner  
01:20:50 Rep. Phillips

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:21:12 Rep. Phillips

01:25:41 Break  
01:30:56 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HJ 13**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:31:16 Rep. Betsy Hands (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HJ  
13, Carbon neutral buildings.

**EXHIBIT(feh24a03)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:39:07 Mr. Magraw  
01:41:59 Margaret Morgan, Montana Chapter - American Institute  
of Architects  
01:42:45 Matt Leow, Northern Plains Resource Council  
01:45:04 Kyla Wiens, MEIC  
01:46:03 Dr. Running

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:46:39 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association  
(MBIA)

**EXHIBIT(feh24a04)**

**Informational Testimony:**

01:51:48 Mr. Cartwright

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:53:28 Chairman Noonan  
01:53:53 Rep. Hands

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:54:26 Rep. Hands

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 39**

01:58:20 **Motion:** Rep. Augare moved that **SB 39 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:** none.

01:58:40 **Motion:** Rep. Augare **CALLED THE QUESTION ON SB 39.**

01:58:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([feh24aad.pdf](#))**